

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RULE 116 AMENDMENT
RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

In re Application of: James D. Ballew et al.
Serial No.: 10/826,959
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Group Art Unit: 2113
Confirmation No.: 1484
Examiner: Elmira Mehrmanesh
Title: *System and Method for Detecting and Managing HPC Node Failure*

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Dear Sir:

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action sent electronically 4 October 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.